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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

Fur Farm, Game Bird Farm, Zoo/Menagerie, Shooting Preserve

PART 1. PROPOSED ACTION DESCRIPTION

Project Title: Trudy Davidson Fur Farm

Application Date: September 9, 2002

Name, Address and Phone Number: 12855 Mill Creek Rd, Lolo, MT 59847
406-273-2443

Description of Project:

This project is an application for a commercial fur farm for the purpose of raising and selling bobcats and bobcat kittens to the general public. The facility is located approximately 5 miles west of Lolo, MT off of U.S. Highway 12.

The captive bred bobcats will be raised and housed in a pen measuring 6'x 12'9"x 3'9". The pen will be approximately 3'4" off of the ground. The pens will be housed next to the residence. The pens will be constructed of welded wire. The pens will have a locking device for added security.

Other groups or agencies contacted or which may have overlapping jurisdiction: None

PART 2. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Table 1. Potential impact on physical environment.

Will the proposed action result in potential impacts to:	Unknown	Potentially Significant	Minor	None	Can Be Mitigated	Comments Below Or On Attached Pages
1. Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources.				X		
2. Terrestrial or aquatic life and/or habitats.				X		
3. Introduction of new species into an area.				X		
4. Vegetation covers, quantity and quality.				X		
5. Water quality, quantity and distribution (surface or groundwater)				X		
6. Existing water right or reservation.				X		
7. Geology and soil quality, stability and moisture.				X		
8. Air quality or objectionable odors.				X		
9. Historical and archaeological sites.				X		
10. Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air and energy.				X		
11. Aesthetics				X		

Comments:

(A description of potentially significant or unknown impacts and potential alternatives for mitigation must be provided.)

Table 2. Potential impacts on human environment:

Will the proposed action result in potential impacts to:	Unknown	Potentially Significant	Minor	None	Can Be Mitigated	Comments Below Or On Attached Pages
1. Social structures and cultural diversity.				X		
2. Changes in existing public benefits provided by wildlife populations and/or habitat.				X		
3. Local and state tax base and tax revenue.				X		
4. Agricultural production.				X		
5. Human health.				X		
6. Quantity and distribution of community and person income.				X		
7. Access to and quality of recreational activities.				X		
8. Locally adopted environmental plans and goals (ordinances).				X		
9. Distribution and density of population and housing.				X		
10. Demands for government services.			X			
11. Industrial and/or commercial activity.				X		

Comments :

(A description of potentially significant or unknown impacts and potential alternatives for mitigation must be provided.)

10. Increase in demand for service by FWP due to license review and inspection.

Does the proposed action involve potential risks or adverse effects, which are uncertain but extremely harmful, if they were to occur? There are no potential or adverse effects that would pose any significant impact on the environment.

Does the proposed action have impacts that are individually minor, but cumulatively significant or potentially significant? There are no potential or adverse effects that would pose any significant impact.

Description and analysis of reasonable alternatives (including the no action alternative) to the proposed action when alternatives are reasonably available and prudent to consider. Include a discussion of how the alternatives would be implemented:

There are no reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. Do not issue the license would be the no action alternative.

List proposed mitigate measures (stipulations) for license:

None

Individuals or groups contributing to, or commenting on this EA: FWP

EA prepared by: DOUGLAS E. JOHNSON_____

Date completed: September 30, 2002_____

PART 3. DECISION

Recommendation and justification concerning preparation of IS:
No EIS is needed for this project.

Describe public involvement, if any:

EA was posted on the Fish, Wildlife & Parks website as required by department guidelines. The EA was available for public comment from October 2 through October 11, 2002 with comments submitted to Warden Doug Johnson at djohnson@cybernet1.com.

Recommendation for license approval:

Wildlife Manager

Date

Warden Captain

Date